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Letter dated 20 January 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I would like to bring to your attention the heinous terrorist attack that targeted an official of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Sana'a, Yemen, on 18 January 2014. This terrorist act claimed the life of Mr. Abolghassem Asadi, a diplomatic member of the Embassy who was on official duty at the time of attack.

It is obvious that the terrorists behind this atrocity were inspired by extremism and a blind violence that knows no boundary, acting against diplomatic corps that are protected by international diplomatic law. The Islamic Republic of Iran, while welcoming the prompt condemnation by the Security Council of another terrorist attack against the Iranian Embassy and its staff in Beirut, Lebanon, on 19 November 2013, expects that the Council will condemn this new atrocity in the strongest possible way. The Council is also urged to call on Member States to exercise maximum vigilance in regard to the terrorists behind such attacks, deny all forms of financial and other kinds of support to them and fully cooperate to bring the perpetrators to justice.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, a target and victim of terrorism for more than three decades, expresses its deep concern over the continuation of such acts of terrorism fuelled by bigotry as well as wrong policies in encouraging violence and extremism that undermines regional and international peace and security.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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